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STATE FOR EAP/MLS, L/EAP, L/PM, PM/ISO, INR AND DRL
PACOM FOR FPA CHRISTY, JIATF/WEST FOR COMMANDER BUSCH

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SUBJECT: THAILAND EMBASSY/STATE DEPARTMENT HUMAN RIGHTS

VETTING FOR: JUSMAG - JCET TEAK TORCH 10-1, LOP BURI, OCTOBER 16 - NOVEMBER 25, 2009

REF: A. JUSMAG MEMO DATED JULY 31, 2009

1B. 05 STATE 021314 - GUIDANCE

1C. 03 STATE 34981 - GUIDANCE

11. (U) This is an action request for human rights verification required by the Leahy Amendment; see Para. 2.

12. (U) JUSMAG Bangkok has requested that the Embassy/State Department complete human rights vetting request for the units and the commanders listed below, who have been selected to attend the below-mentioned exercise. Embassy Bangkok possesses no credible information at this time of gross violations of human rights by these units and commanders. Embassy Bangkok Political Officer, Gillian R. Apfel, is the verifying officer for the Embassy/Department of State.

Exercise: JCET Teak Torch 10-1, Lop Buri, October 16 - November 25, 2009. JUSMAG is the funding agency.

Units and Commanders:

Name: Suradech Malida
DPOB: September 02, 1961, Bangkok, Thailand
Title/Rank: Commander, Colonel
Unit: General Support Aviation Battalion, Royal Thai Army Aviation Center.

Name: Piboon Maneechote
DPOB: March 27, 1958; Ratchaburi, Thailand
Title/Rank: Commander, Colonel
Unit: Royal Thai Army Special Warfare School, Special Warfare Center.

Name: Chaluemwont Keeranon
DPOB: August 31, 1959; Bangkok, Thailand
Title/Rank: Commander, Group Captain
Unit: Royal Thai Air Force Wing 2.

Name: Aekasit Boonyarux
DPOB: August 10, 1968; Bangkok, Thailand
Title/Rank: Commander, Lieutenant Colonel
Unit: Air Base Defense Battalion, Royal Thai Army Aviation Center.

Name: Saichol Hongnak
DPOB: January 29, 1970; Bangkok, Thailand
Title/Rank: Commander, Lieutenant Colonel
Unit: 9th Air Mobile, Aviation Battalion, Royal Thai Army Aviation Center.

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